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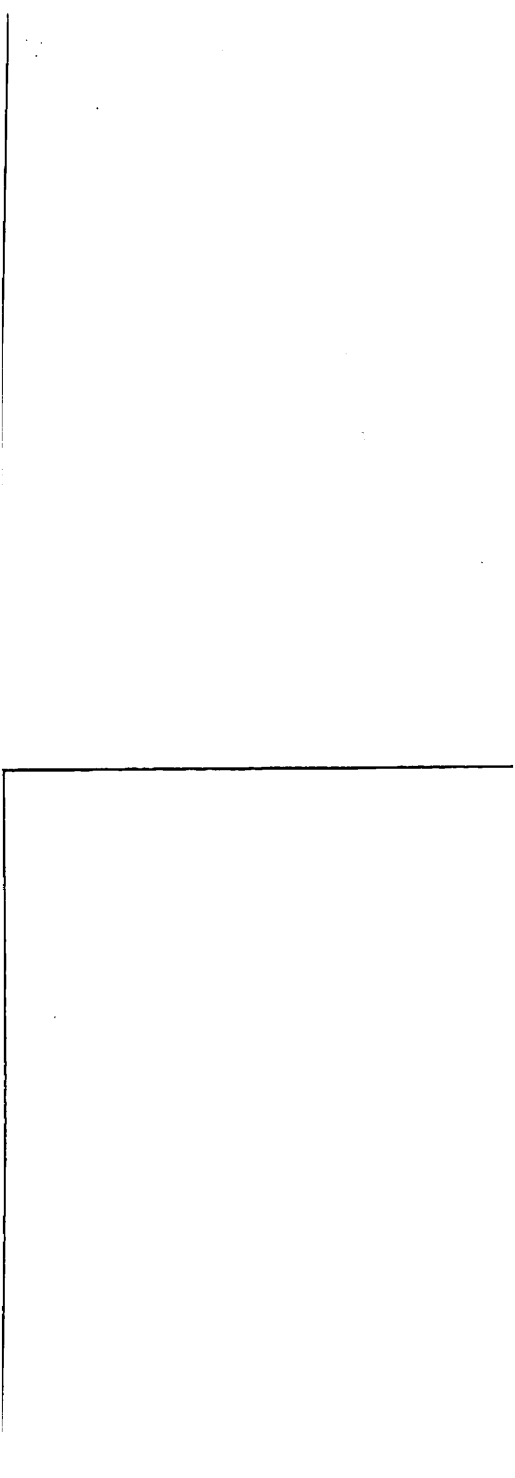
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Southern California, where he received the degree of doctor of dental surgery in 1942.

It was during his last year of dental college that he met and married Florine Merrell of Phoenix, Arizona.

In 1943 he entered the U. S. navy as an assistant dental surgeon, with the rank of lieutenant, junior grade. After receiving indoctrination in the navy at the naval ship yard at Mare Island, California, he was sent to the Solomon Island area of war in the South Pacific, where he served until the end of the war as a dentist attached to Fleet Hospital 107.

Upon his release from the navy he, with his wife and little girl, Carol, born while he was in the South Pacific, moved to Heber City, Wasatch County, Utah, where he practiced his profession of dentistry. In Heber, three more children were born to this family, one boy and two girls, Kirk, Anne and Kay. While in Heber he was active in the LDS Church, being superintendent of Heber First Ward Sunday School and later ward clerk of that ward. He was a member of the American Legion, VFW, Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, Provo District Dental Society, Utah Dental Assn. and the American Dental Assn.



in Wasatch County by circulating her own private library.

She was an active Church member and leader, serving in all auxiliary organizations. She was a dramatic and a humorous reader and entertained generously. She taught dramatics in the YLMIA, coached their plays and toured Wasatch County with her young Thespians.

She was literary teacher in the Relief Society and was feature speaker at ward and stake activities. She served her community with eagerness. One assignment of which she was ever proud was in assisting with plans for the celebration of Utah statehood.

She was the first vice president of the Utah State Federation of Women's Clubs.

In 1918 she moved with her family to Salt Lake City from Heber City, where she continued her Church services as a literary teacher, speaker and entertainer.

She organized "The Home Study Group," which has grown from its original 10 members to over 100 women who continue to study and promote Church doctrines.

She was a member of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers, Camp 11, Salt Lake County.

She was a devoted mother, with the highest principles of moral and religious obligations.

She served her community, stake and Church until curtailed by ill health in her declining years.

She died in Salt Lake City, Utah, on November 8, 1940, and was buried in Heber City Cemetery.

#### DR. WM. RUSSELL AND EMMA HATCH WHERRITT



William Russell Wherritt, prominent medical doctor in Heber, was born December

16, 1871, in Pleasant Hill, Missouri, to Thomas J. and Elizabeth Russell Wherritt. He married Emma Hatch in September, 1900, in Heber City. She was born March 10, 1878, in Heber, daughter of Joseph and Jane Clyde Hatch. They had three children, Dr. Russell Wherritt, Dr. Barton Wherritt (deceased), and Mrs. Lois W. Todd.

Dr. Wherritt was educated in Missouri schools and at the age of 17 was a registered pharmacist. In 1898 he graduated from the Kansas City Medical College and began practicing medicine in Goldfield, Colorado. He came to Park City on occasion to visit two brothers, and in 1899 decided to settle and practice in Heber. He endured all the hardships of rural practice before improved roads or electricity. For many years he was the only doctor in the valley and was without the help of trained nurses. Often he would become lost in winter blizzards at night and spent hours making his way to attend those who were ill. During World War I and the influenza epidemic of 1918 he was the only doctor in the area. A nurse, Kapulani Makahanohano, was sent by the State Board of Health from Salt Lake to assist him during the epidemic. Beginning in 1902, Dr. Wherritt served both as Heber City and Wasatch County health physician and also was railroad physician many years. He was a thirty-second degree Mason and a member of the Mystic Shrine. He died November 4, 1948, of a heart attack, in his forty-ninth year of medical practice in the county. He loved his profession and no day was ever too long for him but what he could greet his patients with a smile.

Mrs. Wherritt, eldest daughter of Joseph and Jane Clyde Hatch, was a granddaughter of Abram Hatch, first stake president in the valley. She attended business college at BYU and for some years was bookkeeper and office assistant to her father in A. Hatch & Co. She was an active civic worker, serving six years as vice chairman and 16 years as chairman of the American Red Cross in the county. She helped organize the American Legion auxiliary and was a charter member of the Business and Professional Women's Club. She also took care of her husband's office work, answered telephones and operated much of his private business, leaving him

free to carry on his medical practice. In 1961 she was named Wasatch County "Mother of the Year," in tribute to her many accomplishments. She also served many years as president of Wasatch Camp, Daughters of Utah Pioneers.

#### DR. JOSEPH RUSSELL WHERRITT



Born in Heber City, Dr. J. Russell Wherritt is the son of Dr. W. R. and Emma Hatch Wherritt. He graduated from Wasatch High School, where he was a star basketball player. He entered the University of Utah and was in the S.A.T.C. at Fort Douglas in 1918 and 1919. He took his pre-medical work at Berkeley, California, and graduated in medicine at Pennsylvania Medical College. He interned in Philadelphia and New York, and then entered the Intermountain Clinic in Salt Lake City. He is on the board of directors of Holy Cross Hospital. He married Lucille Raddity, and they have two children, Russell and Joyce.

#### DR. C. F. WHERRITT



Dr. C. F. Wherritt, a graduate of Kansas City Dental College, came to Heber in the

fall of 1901 to visit his brother, Dr. William Russell Wherritt. He remained four years, opening an office in the upstairs of the Bridge Drug Store building. He also managed the drug business after it was purchased from the Bridges by Dr. W. R. Wherritt. When the Bank Building was completed the drug store and also the dental practice were moved to the building. He married Helma Lumberg of Kamas on November 21, 1902, in Heber. At the death of a brother in New Mexico, he was called there to close the estate. When he returned he made his permanent home in Kamas, practicing there many years. He and his wife had one daughter, Katherine.

#### WILLIAM WHEABLE

Another early barber was William Wheable. He worked with Frank Epperson and, ironically, was a left-handed barber. He made many friends in Park City, Midway and Heber, where he practiced. He was born May 17, 1867. He married Katherine Murray, and was the father of eight living children. He died of a stroke December 7, 1924.

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